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MEMORIAL TO CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 25, 1900.

GEN. JOS. R. HAWLEY,

U. S. Senate:

Dear Sir: By direction of the Columbia Historical Society, I beg to transmit to you for presentation to the Senate, the accompanying Memorial address to that Honorable Body, for such disposition and action as they shall see fit to order thereon.

I am, Senator,

Very faithfully yours,

JOHN A. KASSON,
Pres. Col: Hist. Soc.

(Duplicate sent to Hon. J. A. Hull, M.C.)

UNITED STATES SENATE,

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 26, 1900.

JOHN A. KASSON, ESQ.,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dear Sir: I have your letter of the 25th instant transmitting a Memorial by the Columbia Historical Society concerning the profanation of the National Flag, which Memorial I have presented in the Senate and asked to be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Yours very truly,

J. R. HAWLEY.

TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

The Memorial of the Columbia Historical Society respectfully represents:

That in conformity with the unanimous vote of its members, this Society memorializes your Honorable Bodies to enact a satisfactory Law, forbidding the profanation of the National Flag of the United States as a vehicle for advertising merchandise, or

for ornamenting inventions, or exploiting trifling or unworthy objects, or otherwise degrading, or belittling it to undignified uses.

The Society suggests that the enactment of such a law will in an authoritative manner admonish the people, and especially the rising generation, that the untarnished Banner of the Republic, which no public enemy has ever insulted with impunity, should stand before the world and be used only as the symbol of the unity of the States and the resulting strength and majesty of the Nation; and is of too sacred a character to be abased to ignoble purposes: and it submits that the passage of such a law will greatly assist in the formation of a patriotic public opinion that will secure its enforcement.

With great respect, by unanimous order of the Columbia Historical Society.

JOHN A. KASSON,
President.

M. STEVENS BEALL,
Secretary.

EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES.

February 5, 1900.

President Kasson called the attention of the Society to a communication from the Chairman of the Flag Committee, Illinois Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Mr. J. Ormond Wilson moved that the President and the two Vice-Presidents of the Society be a committee to take such action as shall place the Columbia Historical Society on record as favoring the necessary legislation for the protection of our Flag from profanation and misuse.

After discussion by Mr. Justice Hagner, Miss Johnston and Col. Cutts, and at the request of the Chair, Mr. Wilson amended his resolution so that it should read: "that the Chair shall appoint a committee of five to take such action," etc.

The Chair appointed Mr. Justice Hagner, Capt. H. B. Looker, Commander Harrie Webster, U. S. N., Miss E. B. Johnston, Mrs. M. S. Beall.

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March 5, 1900.

At the request of the Chairman of the Committee appointed at the last meeting to draft a Memorial to Congress praying for the necessary legislation to protect our Flag from profanation and misuse, the Secretary read the proposed Memorial, which was heartily endorsed by the members and guests present.